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The reply filed on 10/18/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant's response to the Quayle office action filed on 10/18/03 has been fully considered and entered into the application. Applicants have canceled claims 1-7, and claims 8-59 were withdrawn, new claims 60-68 have been added. New claims 60-68 are in condition for allowance. However, applicants have not written all the pending claims (withdrawn claims) in the list of pending claims. And further Examiner has stated in the interview prior to the Quayle office action that a single method of use of the peptide and the conjugate would be allowed along with the allowable peptide. Examiner has called Applicant's attorney requesting to include the claims of one single method and the conjugate to be allowed along with the allowable product claims. Examiner has not received any response from applicants.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Padmashri Ponnaluri whose telephone number is 703-305-3884. The examiner is on Flex Schedule and can normally be reached from Monday through Friday between 7 AM and 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on 703-306-3217. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0916.


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